The Honorable Mayor Robert Walkup
And Members of the Tucson City Council
City of Tucson
P.O. Box 27210
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Subject: Citizen Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB)
             2009 Annual Report

The board would first like to thank the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Tucson. The board thanks Tucson Police Department leadership and the Professional Standards Division for its responsiveness to requests and positive attitude and action. The Office of Independent Police Auditor has been an excellent resource and support for the board activities, and is much appreciated.   The representative of the City Attorney's office has been of invaluable help with difficult issues. The board is grateful to the City Clerk for providing clerical support. The success of the board has been greatly enhanced by the team effort practiced by all.

CPARB has actively sought to fulfill its goal to "foster and encourage a citizen-police partnership…and to develop and maintain positive communications and mutual understanding and trust between the police and community." To that end, CPARB has reviewed 36 closed cases. The board has found that the investigative process of the Internal Affairs Department has overall been fair and thorough. The board has noted that the police department has been responsive to suggestions about policies, procedures, and training issues.

CPARB Activities:
- Provided a forum for a concerned group advocating for the homeless, and that group's observations of police actions.
- Due to budgetary restrictions, the CPARB brochure, in English and Spanish, is on hold.
- Continuing education has been achieved through educational presentations to the board and individual effort,
- Selection of two Non-Voting advisory members. The board is actively seeking to fill one vacancy.

Members of CPARB have taken their role seriously, and have participated actively in the review of closed cases, during presentations to the board, and within the subcommittees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman
CPARB